**Cut in Non-Plan expenditure**

*169. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of severe drought conditions and economic downturn, the Central Government has directed all the Ministries/Departments/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to make a 10 per cent cut in Non-Plan expenditure and also avoid wasteful expenditure during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, to what extent the various Ministries/Departments/PSUs have made a cut in their Non-Plan expenditure;

(c) whether the Central Government had information that several PSUs and some Ministries/Departments have not adhered to these orders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) In September, 2009, Ministry of Finance have advised all Ministries/ Departments to effect a mandatory 10% cut in non-plan expenditure on Domestic and Foreign Travel expenses, Publications, professional services, Advertising and Publicity, Office Expenses, POL (except for security related requirement) and other administrative expenses and a 5% cut on the remaining portion (excluding interest payments, repayment of debt, Defence capital, salaries, pension and the Finance Commission grants to the States). Subsequently in October, 2009, Deptt. of Public Enterprises, have issued instructions for effecting 10% cut, mutatis mutandis, on the expenditure of all Central Public Sector Enterprises,

(b) to (d) The responsibility for adhering to these instructions rests with the respective Ministries/Departments and PSUs. Details in this regard are not maintained centrally.

**Composition of commodities and services in price indices**

*170. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the weight-wise composition of basket of goods and services included in the price indices;

(b) how often the weight attached to respective groups of commodities and services is modified; and

(c) whether Government has set up any study to bring about convergence in the patterns of different price indices?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The weight-wise composition of basket of goods and services included in the price indices is as follows: